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GARY POWERS QUITS CIA

Former U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers has resigned from the Central Intelligence Agency, a United Press International article reported last Friday.

Powers quit the CIA on Oct. 6, the report said, just eight days before another U.S. flight that subsequently made history — the Oct. 14 flight over Cuba which produced the first hard evidence of Soviet missile bases there.

The 33 year old Powers had been working with the CIA in Washington ever since his return to the United States from a Soviet prison last winter.

He was home at Pound for a rest and to receive tribute from varied state and Southwest Virginia groups shortly after his return to the United States.

In addition Powers who in August filed suit for divorce from his wife, Barbara, of Milledgeville, Ga. was known to have been in Pound at about that time.

Powers was a CIA employee when he made his ill-fated surveillance mission over the Soviet Union on May 1, 1960. His capture when the U2 was downed was used by Nikita Khrushchev to stop a summit meeting in Paris virtually before it began.